[13th November 1922

Clerks in the office of the Fisheries, Calicut.

346 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the clerks in the office of the Fisheries, Calicut, have to work long hours daily and also forego many of their holidays on account of increase of work and reduction of establishment; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there is heavy cash transaction in that office and the same is attended to by a low-paid clerk in the absence of a good accountant?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative. There has been neither increase of work nor reduction in the sanctioned strength of the office of Assistant Director (Coast).

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The work is attended to by a clerk on Rs. 40 in the scale of Rs. 35—35—1½—50—1—60.

Drinking-water supply in Ganjām district.

347 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the action taken on the representation made by Mr. B. Nageswara Rao, member, district board, to the Government on the question of scarcity of drinking-water in Ganjām in April last; and

(*b*) if any solution of this problem of frequent scarcity of drinking-water supply has been attempted with the help of the local bodies?

A.—(*a*) Mr. Nageswara Rao was referred to the local bodies which are responsible for the supply of drinking-water.

(*b*) No specific proposals have been received on the subject from Ganjām from the local bodies responsible.

Toll-fee on unladen bulls, etc.

348 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. Gopalakrishnayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state in which district boards and municipalities in the Presidency a toll-fee is levied on unladen bulls or bullocks, buffaloes, mules, asses and horses?

A.—The Government have no information.

Representation of the depressed classes in the Chingleput taluk board.

349 Q.—Mr. L. C. Guruswami: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to state

(*a*) whether there was a member belonging to the depressed classes on the Chingleput taluk board last year,

(*b*) whether there are members belonging to the depressed classes on the Chingleput taluk board now,

(*c*) whether it is a fact that there were applications from the members of the depressed classes for nomination to the Chingleput taluk board,

(*d*) whether there are depressed class members on the Salem taluk board; and